

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed 05/29/2008. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

3. The Examiner rejects claims 1 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Voit et al.** (U.S.6,870,827) in view of **Farris et al.** (U.S.6,574,216).

Applicant has amended the claims to include elements that the Examiner indicated are allowable as discussed below.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Voit et al.** in view of **Farris et al.**

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Applicant note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner objects to claims 2 and 13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 12 to include all of the limitations of dependent claims 2 and 13 and cancelled claims 2 and 13. Applicant respectfully requests that independent claims 1 and 12 be allowed.

6. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 3-11, 14-25.

Conclusion

Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the doctrine of equivalents. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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